

Menomonie Parks and Recreation Department
Pilot Program for Allowing Dogs or other Domesticated Animals On-Leash in City Parks
July 1, 2017 – March 31, 2018

Purpose: Allow dogs or other domesticated animals on-leash in all City parks when the parks are open to the public.

Restrictions:

1. Must be on a leash at all times and under the owner's control. Leash not to be longer than 8 feet. Control by means of radio collar is not allowed.
2. Cannot be within 20 feet of established playground areas, athletic fields, tennis and pickleball courts, or waterpark.
3. Excrement of animals must be cleaned up and disposed of properly. Bags, scoops or other appropriate implements for the removal of waste shall be carried by any person bringing a dog onto public park property.
4. All animals must be licensed and tagged appropriately.
5. Dogs or other domesticated animals may be allowed at public or private events within a City park as authorized by the Parks and Recreation Director or designee and/or at the discretion of the private event sponsor. The event sponsor should post reasonable signage giving notice whether or not animals are permitted at the event.

Enforcement:

1. If individuals are found to be in violation of above restrictions, city police may issue a \$25 fine for a first offense and \$50 fine for a second offense.
2. City staff shall install signage at all City parks giving reasonable notice of the conditions set forth above.

Start up costs: \$3,800 (to be addressed through budget process and/or business donations)

1. Waste station receptacles - \$3,000
 - a. 5 @ \$600 ea = \$3,000
2. Signage - \$500
 - a. 10 @ \$50 ea - \$500
3. Misc - \$300
 - a. Posts, pet waste bags, etc

Pilot Program:

1. This pilot program of allowing dogs or other domesticated animals in all city parks will run through March 31, 2018. At that time an analysis of the pilot program will be done based on Parks and Recreation Dept. monitoring of compliance. Other analysis will include the review of the number of city police issued citations for animals being "at large" or not properly disposing of excrement. Finally, a review of all "calls for service" received regarding animal complaints will be considered in the decision process. A recommendation would then be made to the City Council by March 31, 2018 whether to continue on a permanent basis, revise, or discontinue the program.